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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, all these indigenous industries in the rural areas are also being taken up."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I did not want the Hon. Minister to give me the result or the effect of encouragement of cottage industries. I want him to give a statement with regard to the policy underlying the encouragement of cottage industries."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, I have already stated that cottage industries add to the poor income of the villagers and also relieve to some extent unemployment."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the manufacture of cycle-rickshaws and cycles as cottage industries? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know, Sir, whether it can be organized as a cottage and village industry. But I shall look into it."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have this Government a plan to encourage cottage industries in this State under the Five-Year Plan? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கனம் மந்திரி பதில் சொல்லும்போது கிளாஸ் குடிசைத் தொழில் என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் பெரிய பெரிய தொழிற் சாலைகளில்தான் கிளாஸ் தொழில் நடக்கின்றது. ஆகவே கிராமாந்திரங்களில் நடக்கும் கூடை கட்டுதல், முறம் கட்டுதல், கயறு பின்னுதல் போன்ற தொழில்களை எல்லாம் அபிவிருத்தி பண்ணுவதற்கு இந்த கவர்ன்மெண்டு வசதி செய்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member need not be obsessed with the idea that all these could be done only in big factories. Glassware could be done on a cottage industry basis. Regarding other things which the hon. Member mentioned, Government are certainly examining how these things could be organized."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that manufacture of cycle-rickshaws is a cottage industry in Japan? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member has got these ideas, I shall be very much obliged if he could educate me about this, so that I can take it up."

Cancellation of the licences of bus-conductors for the offence of overloading.

* 886 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of licences of bus-conductors cancelled during the year 1953–54 for the offence of overloading; and

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(*b*) whether these licences were ordered to be cancelled in addition to the punishment awarded by the competent court or without prosecuting the conductors?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Eleven.

" (*b*) None of these cases were prosecuted in a Court of Law and the punishment of cancellation of certificate was therefore not in addition to punishment awarded by Courts."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether any bus conductor belonging to the Government Transport service in Madras has been convicted of this offence? " 8-10 a.m

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, when bus conductors' licences are cancelled, whether they will be given a chance to plead their case before the Court? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Only when the matter is taken before the Court, that question arises. Otherwise, the licensing authority himself under section 242 of the Act disposes of the cases."

Municipal Protected Water-supply Scheme for Cuddalore.

* 887 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the present stage of the Municipal Protected Water-supply Scheme for Cuddalore town, South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The sub-works comprising the first stage of the water-supply scheme for Cuddalore are—

(*a*) Infiltration-*cum*-suction well,

(*b*) Infiltration gallery,

(*c*) Manhole well, and

(*d*) Pumping main.

The construction of the infiltration well and the manhole well is now in progress."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know whether top priority for the water-supply scheme for Cuddalore town has been given and also the estimated cost of the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This comprehensive water-supply improvements scheme was sanctioned in April 1953."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" About six months back, while answering a similar question on the floor of the House, the Government assured us that protected water-supply scheme for Cuddalore town will be available early in 1954. We have already reached May. May I request the Government to expedite the completion of the scheme? "